

THE FIRST GUN.

A BIG DEMOCRATIC TURNOUT AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

Receiving Colonel Holt—A Ticket to Win—a Jail-Delivery Shot by a Sheriff.

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RALSTON JONES.—The first gun in the campaign was fired to-day at Durham. When Colonel T. M. Holt, Democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, arrived there this afternoon he was met by a thousand people. There was music by the band and a salute was fired in his honor and in honor of the Democracy. Holt's nomination gives great pleasure. He is felt to be a strong man on the spot.

It was arranged to-day to pay a dividend of 20 per cent. to the depositors of the smashed State National Bank of this city. This is the first dividend, and its payment is awaited with much interest. The problem is to be paid next Wednesday.

General Orders No. 7 were issued to-day from the Adjutant-General's office. They relate to the encampment of the State Guard at Wrightsville, which they announced will begin July 17 in the afternoon. All who are members of the State Guard are ordered in camp.

The troops will have to furnish their own rations. All other expenses will be met.

The camp is to be one of instruction, and strict discipline will be enforced.

The command will be reviewed by the Governor, who will be present.

Great numbers of persons to-day called on Hon. D. G. Fowle, Democratic nominee for Governor, and tendered their congratulations.

The contract for grading a thirty-mile section of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad has been let. Large forces are on the section next Monday.

Another jail-delivery has occurred, this time at Greenville, Pitt county, in daylight. Four prisoners left unguarded cut through the brick wall and got safely away. One other prisoner, an insane man, also got out, but went to look for the sheriff and was recaptured.

This afternoon a small cloud hung over this city. Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of lightning followed by a crash of thunder which shook scores of houses. It was found that the lightning had struck the water-tower and knocked off its pinnacle. Many people were thrown into a state of great alarm.

It is believed that C. M. McLoud, of Ashe-ville, will be made chairman of the delegation to St. Louis.

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